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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced the sentencing of David A. Acevedo, Eric T. Bryant, Devion M. Gentry, and Randy Dyson, by United States District Judge James R. Spencer for their role in the January 11, 2005, robbery of the Bob Moates Gun Shop, located in Chesterfield, Virginia.

David A. Acevedo, age 21, of Richmond, Virginia, was sentenced on September 20, 2005, after pleading guilty to interfering with commerce by threats and violence and using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. Acevedo was sentenced to a total of 130 months imprisonment.

Eric T. Bryant, age 22, of Richmond, Virginia, was sentenced yesterday, after pleading guilty to interfering with commerce by threats and violence and using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. Bryant was sentenced to 117 months imprisonment.

Devion M. Gentry, age 23, of Richmond, Virginia, was sentenced yesterday, after pleading guilty to interfering with commerce by threats and violence, using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, and stealing firearms from a licensed firearms dealer. Gentry was sentenced to 114 months imprisonment.

Randy Dyson, age 22, of Richmond, Virginia, was sentenced on September 15, 2005, after pleading guilty to interfering with commerce by threats and violence and using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. Dyson was sentenced to a total of 180 months imprisonment.

The Court also ordered the defendants to pay restitution to the gun store and insurance company in the amount of \$30,414. The Court sentenced the defendants to a sentence above the sentencing guideline range, citing the danger posed to the public because of this crime.

Robert Dyson, David Acevedo, and Eric Bryant entered the gun shop on January 11, 2005, brandished a firearm, ordered the store clerk to the ground, and stole 66 firearms from the store's inventory, while a fourth co-defendant, Devion M. Gentry, waited outside in the get-away car. As of this date, only ten of these firearms have been recovered.

Also announcing the guilty pleas are William Davenport, Commonwealth's Attorney for Chesterfield County; William J. Hoover, Special Agent-In-Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Washington Field Office; Colonel Carl Baker, Chief of Police for the Chesterfield Police Department; Col. Henry Stanley, Chief of Police for the County of Henrico; and Colonel Steven Flaherty, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police.

This case was investigated by agents of the ATF and officers of the Chesterfield and Henrico police departments as well as investigators from the Virginia State Police, and was prosecuted for the United States by Assistant United States Attorney Peter S. Duffey, and Special Assistant United States Attorney Thomas McKenna, an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney with the County of Chesterfield.

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